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Photo by Wayne Vollmer

When students come to campus with its familiar Administration Building next fall, they may be paying \$20 to \$40 more for their college education. Although the NWMSU administration is anticipating a possible fee boost due to inflation, President Dr. B.D. Owens is committed to a low tuition philosophy. "We want to keep the fees as low as possible to attract more students," he said.

Students may face tuition cost rise

by Doug Geer

Students may have to budget between \$20 and \$40 more for their educational costs next fall semester.

The incidental fees may jump by eight to 10 percent due to inflation, according to University Treasurer Don Henry.

"Everything costs more these days," said University President Dr. B.D. Owens. "If we are to maintain the quality of this University and its staff members, we need

Financial Aids Director James Wyant agrees with the President.

"The inflationary factor is the big thing," he said. "Prices are going up and this forces us to have to do this. We have kept the fees at one level long enough and we can't hardly stay there much longer."

Henry blames the possible fee increase on the costs of living. "We have to do it," he said, "because expenses are going up

and salaries are going up. We are not the only ones hit by inflation."

At the present time, Missouri pays 71.8 percent of our tuition while the student pays 16.9 percent. The rest of the tuition 11.3 percent comes from other outside

Althought the State Master Plan calls for the student to pay 20 percent of his educational costs, the possible increase will not affect these figures at NWMSU.

"That plan hasn't gone into affect, but people are encouraged to move in that direction," said President Owens.

However, this fee boost would only take care of inflation, according to President Owens.

"At this University, we are committed to a low tuition as a philosophy," he said. "We want to keep the fees as low as possible to attract more students." Southeast Missouri State University are

But will this fee hike discourage a higher student enrollment?

"The fee increase will not have that great effect, if any at all, on our future enrollment," said Wyant. "We will still be very effective because our tuition is still lower than most area schools and those in

"Students in Iowa are more responsible for their tuitions because of tax priorities in that state. In Missouri one of our top tax January, will still keep NWMSU fees quite priorities is education, so we receive more lower than the University of Missouri-Cotax dollars from the state than most other states do," said Wyant.

Other schools in Missouri are also \$380. having to raise their tuitions. Henry said Central Missouri State University will decide in January if they will raise their incidental fees while Southwest Missouri State University will be making the same decision in December. Lincoln and increase.

Present overall budget at NWMSU is \$2,250 per year for in-state dependents, \$2,640 for non-resident dependents, \$2,750 for resident, single, independents and \$3,140 for non-resident, single, independents. The average incidental fee that is paid is \$380 for one year.

The proposed fee increase, which will come before the Board of Regents in lumbia. Students on the MU campus pay \$525 per semester compared to NWMSU's

"When the time comes I will make a recommendation," said President Owens. "I will recommend whatever budget it. needs to maintain the quality of this University. We need the raise and we are also considering the possibility of a fee committed to get as low as a portion as we can get."

NOTES

Aq. Club to sponsor barnwarming

A barnwarming dance, sponsored by the Ag. Club, will be held from 8 to 11 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, at the Community Building by Rankin Airport. Advance tickets are \$1.50 a single and \$2.50 per couple. Tickets at the door are \$2.00 a single and \$3.00 per couple.

Coleman to speak on campus

Sixth District Congressman Tom Coleman, Republican, will be guest speaker at NMWSU beginning at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 26, in the Union Ballroom.

His speech is sponsored by the University's Center for Public Administration and Public Affairs.

FIFTEEN NWMSU STUDENTS HONORED

Fifteen NWMSU students have been selected to the 1978-79 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

These students were selected for their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential.

Those honored were Kathy Adkins, Debra Brand, Janet Burnham, Mark Carr, Candace Clark, Christopher Dahm, Dean Gillespie, Elizabeth Hegeman, Kenny Himes, Mary McManus, Debra Mullen, Ann Mutti, Lisa Scott, Debbie Spencer and Chris Tornquist.

MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JOURNALISM SOCIETY

The Society for Collegiate Journalists will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19 at McCracken Hall.

Bowl applications to be returned

All organizations should return College Bowl applications to the Union Board office as soon as possible.

Geology Club TO MEET

The Geology Club will meet at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, in room 130 of Garrett-Strong to discuss the 1979 field trip.

IMS TO APPEAR AT EAST DEN

Jon Ims will give a performance in the East Den from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27. Free cider and donuts will be served.

STUDENT TEACHERS TO HOLD MEETING

All 1979 spring semester student teachers will hold a meeting at 8 p.m. Monday Oct. 23 in the Horace Mann Auditorium.

INCREASE IN FEES NEXT SEMESTER

A slight increase in rees, approved by the Board of Regents last spring, will go into effect at the beginning of the spring semester. Intermediate and beginning bowling fees will cost \$17.00 per semester, up \$2.00 from this semester. The combined bowling and golf class will rise from \$7.50 to \$8.75.



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DEDATE TEAMS FARE WELL IN COMPETITION

Ken Himes and Ward Smith captured second place at the Kansas State University Invitational Debate Tournament, which featured 23 universities from seven area states.

The team compiled a 6-2 record in pre-elimination rounds before defeating Emporia State in quarter-finals action with a unanimous 3-0 decision.

They defeated another Emporia team in semi-final action, but were edged 2-1 in the championship of the tournament against Southwest Missouri State.

Individually, Smith took second speaker in the senior division and Himes followed in third place.

In the Junior Division, the freshman team of Greg Turner and Bruce Williamson finished pre-elimination rounds with a 6-2 record.

They were defeated in semi-final action by a Creighton University team, giving them third place in competition.

Turner captured first speaker in the division, while Williamson received second.

FACULTY MEMBERS TO PRESENT CONCERT

NWMSU music faculty members Dr. Donald Sandford, Dr. Terry Milligan, June McDonald and Mary Sandford and North Nodaway High School insturmental music instructor Susan Milligan will present an evening of chamber music at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24 in the Charles Johnson Theater.

MEETING SLATED FOR MD MARATHON

Millikan Hall residents will sponsor a meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, for those students interested in participating in a dance marathon with proceeds from the marathon to go towards muscular dystrophy. The meeting will be held in the Horace Mann Auditorium.

Tower retakes scheduled

Proofs of individual pictures should be returned immediately for publication in the **Tower**.

Retakes of individual pictures will be taken from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Oct. 30, 31 and Nov. 1 in Hawkins Hall. Group pictures and retakes will be taken from 6-10 p.m. on the same days in Horace Mann Auditorium. Students should call McCracken Hall to set an appointment to have their pictures taken.

Due to the deadline at the printing plant, those having picture retakes will not be able to select which proof to be used in the **Tower**. The first picture taken will be published in the yearbook.

"The Harder They Come" to be shown

The Harder They Come, the third in the International Film Series, will be shown Sunday, Oct. 22 in the Horace Mann Auditorium. Admission is free of charge for all NWMSU students.

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Student problems interest Snowden

by Suzanne Cruzen

Phil Snowden

Editor's note: In an exclusive interview last Saturday, Phil Snowden discussed his political relationship with NWMSU. The Democratic candidate for the sixth district congressional seat was on campus Tuesday speaking to an audience of about 75 students and faculty. His Republican opponent, Tom Coleman, will be a campus guest Oct. 26 and will be featured in next week's Missourian.

Solving any problems of this University is one of Phil Snowden's goals if he comes out a victor in the Nov. 7 election.

"The transition to Washington will be one to solve problems of the University whenever I can," he said.

Currently serving as a Missouri State Senator, Snowden believes his relationship with NWMSU is a "very positive one."

"I have some feel for the past problems of the University and I think that would carry over as a Congressman," he said.

As a Congressman, Snowden would like to see more money available for federal loans to college students.

"A student going to college needs help," he said. "I'd like to see more money for loans, but if we're going to loan money, we're going to get it back."

Getting it back seems to be a problem, according to Snowden.

"The unpaid loans are staggering," he said.

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of the University whenever I can.'

"A student has that education for a lifetime. I don't think it's too much to ask for them to pay back a loan."

Education is an area that Snowden agrees with President Carter. Because he believes the Health, Education and Welfare Department is "too big for any one man to

administer," Snowden favors Carter's proposal to make education a separate department.

"This would have a positive effect from all educational standpoints," he said.

Other issues facing students are energy, inflation and the economy, according to

"If these problems are going to be solved, then it's going to be in Washington," he said during his campus visit. "And if Phil Snowden is going to be a part of that, he must run for Congress.'

And as a Congressman, Snowden believes he would be more than just a vote.

"I would be more than just a vote," he said, "I would be a voice.

"One man can make a difference and as a member of the majority party, he can do it quickly," Snowden continued.

He believes, as a Democrat, he could get more accomplished than a Republican

"When you are a member of the minority party, the possibility of getting something done is lessened," he said.

Getting something done, Snowden believes, is not just creating new levels of government.

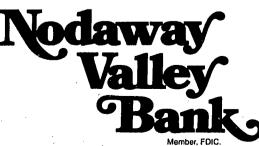
"We can't just create a new level of bureaucracy every time a problem arises," he said. "We don't need more government."

What is needed, according to Snowden, is a modest tax cut along with a balanced budget, reviewing of existing government departments and an "all out war on fraud and

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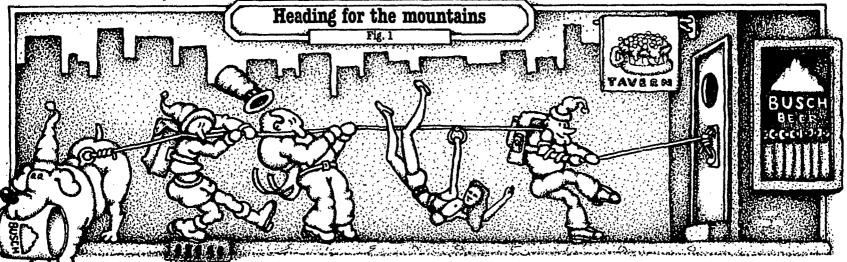
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METHODOLOGY



Mountaineering, as all but the chronically misinformed know, is the skill, the science and the art of drinking Busch Beer. It begins by heading for the mountains

(i.e., a quick jaunt to your favorite package emporium or wateringhole) and ends by downing the mountains (i.e., slow slaking swallows of the brew that is Busch).

If However, between those two points lies a vast area of personal peccadilloes sometimes called technique and sometimes called methodology (depending on your major). Hence, this ad. If Sipping vs. chugging. Both have their merits, of course. But generally speaking, except for cases of extreme thirst or a leaking glass, sipping is the more prudent practice for serious,

sustained mountaineering. IN Next, the proper position. Some swear by sitting; others by

ting; others by standing. Suffice it to say that the most successful mountaineers are flexible, so you'll find

Sippine vs. chueging

both sitters and standers.
(Except on New Year's Eve, when it's almost impossible to find a sitter.) I Which brings us to additives. Occasionally a neophyte will

sprinkle salt in his Busch; others mix in tomato juice; and a few on the radical fringe will even add egg. While these manipulations

can't be prohibited (this is, after all, a free country), they are frowned upon. Please be advised that purity is a virtue, and the natural refreshment of Busch is best uncompromised.

compromised

If Finally, there's the issue of containers. Good taste dictates a glass be used. But bad planning sometimes prevents that. If you find yourself forced to drink from the can, you should minimize this breach of etiquette. Be formal. Simply let your little finger stick out stiffly (see Fig. 4). Happy Mountaineering!

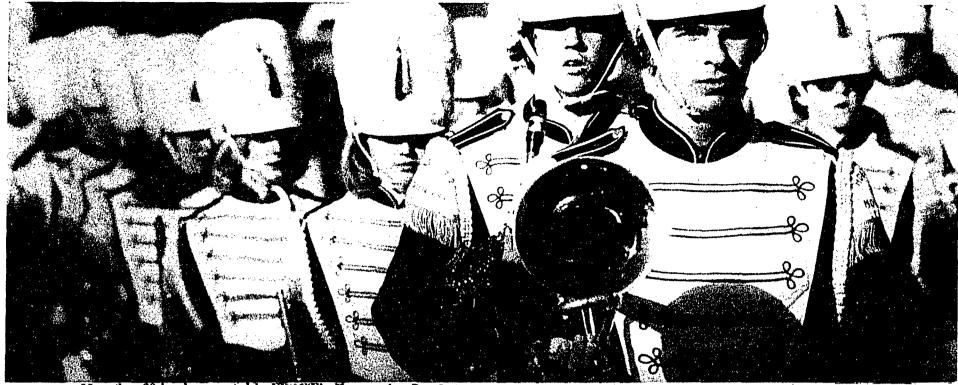




Don't just reach for a beer.

uncompromised

Head for the mountains.



More than 30 bands competed in NWMSU's Homecoming Parade last Saturday, which went up Fourth Street and around the square. Photo by Jim MacNeil

Homecoming

Only memories remain

The laughter of the parade crowd, sounds of 2,000 high school musicians and cheers of the football fans have all faded.

Homecoming '78, a five-day celebration, has come and gone.

After weeks of preparation, the floats, house decorations and Variety Show costumes are packed away. Remaining are only the memories.

It began with the Oct. 10-13 "Dynamic Duos" Variety Show, performing to full houses of some 500 people.

Oct. 13 also marked the opening of the redecorated areas of the J.W. Jones Union Building where University President Dr. B.D. Owens and Student Senate President Darrell Zellers cut the ribbon before a crowd of more than 100 people.

Between 20,000 and 30,000 were out in the crisp Saturday morning air to watch the hour-long parade. With the Savannah high school band receiving the Supremacy Trophy, 30 high school bands marched in this annual parade through downtown Maryville.

Homecoming queen Diann Piper reigned over the NWMSU/SMSU encounter Saturday afternoon in Rickenbrode Stadium with more than 9,000 fans witnessing the 58-22 Bearcat defeat.

"Justus" completed the annual celebration at Saturday evening's dance in Lamkin Gymnasium. Announced were these winners of Homecoming competition:

Overall parade supremacy--Greek men, Phi Sigma Epsilon; Greek women, Phi Mu; Independent, Sigma Society.

Parade floats--Greek men, Alpha Kappa Lambda; Greek women, Delta Zeta; Sigma Society.

Variety Show--Greek men, Alpha Kappa Lambda; Greek women, Delta Zeta; Independent, Music Educators National Conference.

House decorations--Greek men, Delta Chi; Independent, Pi Beta Alpha.



Photo by Jim MacNeil

Group and individual clowns made up a large part of the Homecoming Parade, following the theme of 'Dynamic Duos.'

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pool can be seen where as many as 200,000 snow available at nearby Big Lake State Park. geese spend a brief time on their annual fall

Located 40 miles southwest of campus, Squaw travels. Squaw Creek is open year round from Creek National Wildlife Refuge is 6,900 acres of sunrise to sunset and many foot trails and food, water and shelter for migrating birds. In viewing towers provide access for watching and view from atop Loess Bluff Trail, the snow goose photographing wildlife. Camping facilities are

Centerspread by



Squaw Creek plays host for winged voyagers

At a distance they appear as a thin line on the horizon.

As they approach, their striking, overwhelming cry cal be heard. Then they slowly descend from the sky, thousands upon thousands of them, circling and then landing like a soft, white mist

The scene--Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge near Mound City, MO; the spectacle-the fall migration of the snow geese.

During the fall, Squaw Creek not only plays hist to the weary-winged travelers but to students on campus such as members of the 102 River Club. They go to view the over 200,000 snow geese and 350,000 ducks that take advantage of the refuge's food, cover and habitat.

A rich variety of wildlife abounds at Squaw Creek for the student to view.

On the refuge, one might not only witness the speciacle of the migrating snow geese, but view the majestic sight of a bald eagle soaring above a marsh, or a red-tailed hawk stately perched on a stark limb with a sharp eye out for a careless deer mouse.

Open from sunrise to sunset, 365 days a year, Squaw Creek Wildlife Refuge offers the visitor not only the sensual appreciation of nature, but an education in a way of life seldom viewed and an awareness of a heritage that is slowly vanishing.

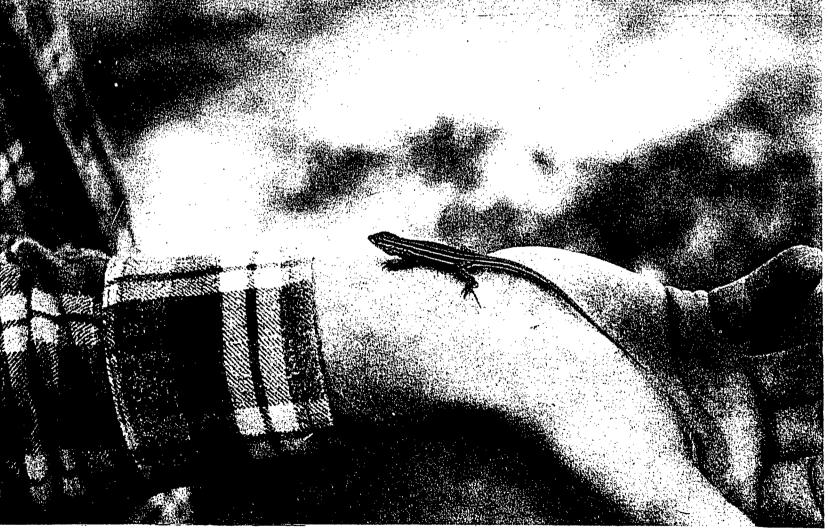


of pintailed ducks on the wing, the refuge provides a comforting shelter eagles in the United States. Up to 318 bald eagles have been counted during one of open water, marshes, willow thickets, cottonwood groves and fields of native season at Squaw Creek. Also, on rare occasions, a [Felis Concolor] or Mountain prairie grass for visiting and permanent wildlife. During November and Lion has been spotted on or near the refuge. December, the refuge is the home of the largest wintering populations of bald



Darrel Chambers has his eye on what may be a rare bird at the refuge. Chambers is a member of the 102 River Club and one of the many students on campus who enjoy "birding." The 102 River part of its many activities. Its members promote

wildlife and environmental issues and, at the same time, enjoy such outdoor activities as camping, backpacking, canoeing, skiing and bird watching. The club meets every Wednesday at Club makes occasional trips to Squaw Creek as 8 p.m. in Room 112 of the Garrett-Strong Science Building. Anyone interested is invited to attend.



The six-lined racerunner [Cnemidophorus Sexlinaeatus] is only one of the feature of Squaw Creek is the Loess Hills above the refuge headquarters. many varied forms of wildlife that take advantage of Squaw Creek Created from wind-blown glacial deposits, these rare geological Refuge. There are 33 kinds of mammals, 35 species of reptiles and features are found only in and around the retuge, German and China. amphibians and 289 species of birds to be found there. Another unique

"I've got Pabst Blue Ribbon on my mind."



Pipe dream becomes reality for student

Five swimming records and pipe smoking may be an unlikely pair, but senior Mark Berguson has successfully combined the two. Berguson, who holds the NWMSU records for the 50, 60, 100 free by Janice Corder styles, the 800 free relay and the 400 Medley relay, has smoked for

four years and doesn't believe pipe smoking has had any effect on his swimming performance.



Mark Berguson reaches for one of the many pipes in his collection.

Photo by Gail Adams

"Most pipe smokers don't inhale so it has very little effect on the lungs or heart," said Berguson, a 22-year old biology major.

Going beyond ordinary pipe smoking, Berguson has a collection of 37 pipes and knows all about the technique of smoking, materials and manufacture of pipes, and even pipe history.

Much of Berguson's knowledge of pipes comes from working in a pipe shop in his home town of Omaha.

'After working at the shop, I'm around pipes and I learn so much more," said Berguson. "I really enjoy it-they're paying me to stand back there and smoke a pipe.'

Besides being able to smoke on the job, working at a pipe shop has other advantages.

"I buy the cream of the crop," said Berguson, who's average pipe costs about \$65.

Costing \$2 or more, pipes are more common on campus than some believe. A Dieterich Hall Resident Assistant, Berguson has turned at least four people on to the art of pipe smoking.

"I don't go out recruiting. They just ask to try it," he said. "A lot of people start pipe smoking and quit because it's such a hassle. It takes timing and practice. You also have to know how to pack it

Berguson believes pipe smoking is not at all like cigarette

"It's not addicting," he said. "When I have a cold or something, I won't smoke for a couple of weeks."

Although pipe smoking is different from cigarette smoking, they are often lumped together in anti-smoking campaigns.

"They're trying to outlaw smoking because the smoke bothers some people," said Berguson. "Some people have B.O. It bothers me, but they don't outlaw it."

Berguson believes these campaigns are protecting the non-smokers rights, but not the smokers.

"Pipe smoking's effects on the lungs are near nil. It increases the chance of lip cancer, but where do you draw the line?" he said. "I find it very helpful to me. It kind of slows you down."

Opera to be on Charles Johnson Theater. Both productions, The Medium and The King and The Wise Woman, will be campus

The Lyric Opera of Kansas City will present two short contemporary operatic selections in English at 8 p.m. on Oct. 26 in

directed by Lou Galterio and funded by the Missouri Arts Council.

Tickets, free with activity ticket, are

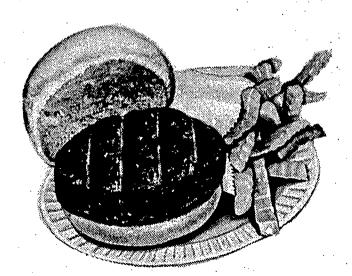
available at the Student Union or by calling 582-3195.

The Medium, by Gian Carlo Menotti. takes place in the seamy parlor of Madam Flora, a scheming medium. fraudulent madam induces innocent people into seances, promising secret communication with the spirit world.

The King and the Wise Woman, by Carl Orff, is a satirical fairy tale of an honest peasant who finds a golden mortar and is unjustly imprisoned by the hasty king.

The Lyric has recieved national publicity in Life Magazine for its Jesus Christ Superstar concert and the Lyric's General Director, Russell Patterson, has been recognized as a leader in the opera field.

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SPORTS

'Cats lose once again

After once again tasting defeat, at last Saturday's Homecoming game, the Bearcat football team will travel to Kirksville to tangle with Northeast Missouri State this Saturday.

Northeast goes into the game with a 2-3-1 record. Picked to finish first in the conference, the Bulldogs got off on the right track last weekend when they defeated Missouri-Rolla, 8-7.

The Bulldogs are led by senior running back Mike Harris. Harris is currently leading the loop in rushing. After a slow start by Steve Rampy freshman Greg Dolence has taken over the helm quarterbacking.

The Bulldogs have sputtered throughout the year and were dealt a blow when their head football coach, Ron Taylor, announced his resignation, effective at the end of the season.

This game continues a rivalry that dates back to 1921. The winner of the game will receive the Ol' Hickory Stick.

It was the same old story last Saturday as the Bearcats dropped to 0-7 overall. Southwest Missouri State gathered its third straight 600-yards-plus game and rolled to a 58-22 victory.

The Bears gained over 400 yards on the ground and over 200 in the air. John Gianini more than doubled the 'Cats total rushing yards. Gianini burst through the 'Cats line for 191 yards. The 'Cats netted a total of 78 yards with Dan Montgomery leading the way with 38.

The Homecoming encounter started off well when the 'Cats drove 60 yards and scored on a Shawn Geraghty field goal.

The joy didn't last long as the Bears scored three times in the first quarter and led 21-3. They added another touchdown in the second quarter and were on the

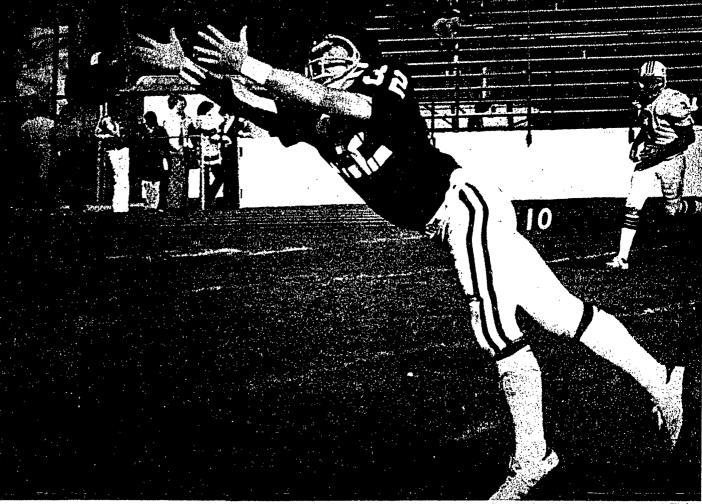


Photo by Frank Finley

Reaching as far as he can Dan Montgomery just misses a pass Saturday as the 'Cats dropped their Homecoming game to from Kirk Mathews. This action was typical of the play last Southwest 58-22.

verge of scoring another when Jim Johnson recovered a fumble and ran it 95 yards back to make the score 28-9.

Southwest could manage only one touchdown in the third quarter then ran back with a field goal one second to the final period.

The Bearcats put together their longest drive of the game, 78 yards when Montgomery scored from one yard out.

Southwest added another three touchdowns while Kirk Mathews threw a 32-yard touchdown pass to Larry Schleicher to round the scoring.

The 'Cats got a solid defensive effort from safety Dave Toti. Toti was in on 18 tackles, intercepted a pass and was awarded the Don Black Memorial Trophy as the outstanding Bearcat of the game.

The top offensive gun for the 'Cats was quarterback Kirk Mathews. Mathews was 21-39 for 239 yards and one touchdown. With this performance Mathews broke the school record for career completions and equaled the record for completions in a single game.

on the sidelines

by Dave Gieseke

Despite the football team's losing season, two individuals stand out. Rick Tate and Kirk Mathews have both turned in fine seasons despite the team's losing ways. These two individuals are the team leaders in defense and offense.

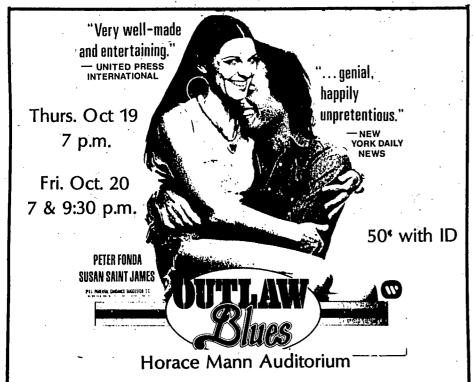
Tate, a junior, is currently leading the team in total defensive points. So far this year he has accounted for 169 points including 19 in last Saturday's Homecoming loss to Southwest Missouri State.

He has been in on 32 unassisted tackles and 55 assisted ones. Tied with safety Dave Toti for the team lead in interceptions with two, he is always around the ball and is constantly playing a good game.

- On the offensive side, Kirk Mathews has continued his fine career at the quarterback position. Mathews is currently among the conference leaders in passing.

He is the holder of many school passing records and may set a few more before he graduates. One of his best games of the year came last Saturday when he was 21-39 in the passing department with 239 yards and one touchdown.

When it comes time at the end of the season to announce the all-conference squads, Tate and Mathews should get recognition but it is doubtful that they will be placed on the first team. It is a shame that these two fine players must suffer through a losing season.





Competition creates many believers

by Cheryl Krell

From having black cats cross your path, to walking under a ladder, to breaking a mirror or spilling salt, superstitions have been present since the beginning of time. And there are groups of people who do believe and there are groups of people who don't.

But most athletes are believers.

Ranging from the extreme of not washing a winning pair of socks or having to wear a certain racing jock to the less extreme lucky hat or shirt, athletes and coaches possess a variety of superstitions which they hope will help them in the elusive search for success.

"I believe that the reason superstition is so prevalent in sports is because so many things are unpredictable," said Coach Dave Evans. "Coaches have superstitions just because they like to have a way to try and be able to predict."

Since athletes are constantly aware of success and failure, they are taught to constantly be aware of what they are doing right or wrong. Wayne Van Zomeren of the psychology department believes that when things go well for the athlete he wants to know "why" or "hey, how come?" If the person noticed he was wearing dirty socks, etc...he might keep wearing them.

"A person does something different one time and wins. He figures out what he did different and does it again. If he wins again, he is reinforced," said Van Zomeren. "He keeps doing it perhaps until they lose. Then he looks for something different."

Believing that we are all superstitious to some degree, Adrian Huk of the psychology department feels it is just much clearer in sports. He sights the amount of money, success, and failure involved, the many things athletes can associate with, and the wide publicity of sports as being reasons that the superstitions are more noticeable in athletics.

"From a traditional standpoint, superstitions have always been around in sports," said Trainer Sandy Miller. "It's been a part of the society of sports."

Many superstitions are common ones despite the sport, although each individual sport also has its own.

In any sport, if an athlete is winning, he will often go through the same routine on game days such as getting up at the same time, eating the same food, wearing the same clothes and generally going through the same pre-game activities.

But of course there are individual deviations.



Photo by Jim MacNeil

The number 13 has been superstitious since the Last Supper. Mark Smith, junior quarterback, does not let it brother him though. "There is no superstition what so ever in any number," Smith said. He has wore the number 13 for the last two years. He picked it because "it was the only number available." Other athletes though, do not have the same attitude as Smith. Some dress the same way before a game or wear the same socks.

"I always get dressed in a certain order," said Kirk Mathews (football). "For example I would always put my socks on first."

In fact, socks have become a very common superstition in the world of athletics. From Evans, who always wore the same socks as a player, to Coach Larry Holley, who once never washed his while on a winning streak, the sock has played an important role.

"I always make sure my socks are smooth when I put them on," said Jeff Conway (football). "I believe I'll do better with them smooth than if they are wrinkled."

Other deviations from the traditional superstitions include Coach Redd who walks a different way to school on game days, Al Cade (football) who must wear his lucky white wristbands and Verdun Norwood (football) who always wears purple florsheim shoes before a game.

"I'm a little superstitious in that I always have to walk to the end of the field and look up at the top of the goalposts," said Dan Waters (football). "It's something I've done since high school."

Making sure that when he tied his shoes his shoe laces were never crossed was important to Coach Len Orr when competing in school. "I always tried to make sure they had a smooth surface all the way through," he said.

Superstitions which are common only to certain sports are also numerous.

"I have the traditional baseball superstitions," said Coach Jim Wasem. "They are crutches I used to protect my own ego when I didn't think my own ability was good enough."

Included in the list of traditional baseball superstitions are never having crossed bats or stepping on the chalk lines.

"I would also always swing the bat three times and tap the plate three times before I hit," said Wasem.

Cross country runners Steve Klatte and Bob Kelchner have different sport-related superstitions.

"I have three different jocks," said Klatte. "But I can only run in one of them--it's my special racing jock and it's the only one I'll wear."

Kelchner once had a lucky hat which he wore while running but since he lost, he will not wear the hat anymore.

"I'm still looking for something lucky, though," said Kelchner.

While competing in basketball, Charles Bauer and Mark Yager have both been using the same technique of bouncing the ball three times before a free throw to bring them luck.

Wasem, who also played basketball in school, always took his first shot of the game.

"If I made my first shot--look out! But if I missed it, I'd become a passer and a feeder for the rest of the game."

Roger Jaros has his own superstition regarding football.

"You should never end a practice with a bad play or you will play bad in the game," he said. "Also, if you lose the last game of the season, you will probably have a bad season the next year."

Although many athletes do not admit to being superstitious, going through various stereotyped routine behavior proves that it does exist.

Huk believes most athletes know the rituals they go through have nothing to do with game results, it is just that the ritual has previously been associated with good results.

Van Zomeren agrees.

"Athletes on one level know that what they do doesn't have any effect on how they play," he said. "But perhaps it helps to ease or reduce the anxiety they may have before or during a game."

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In focus

Photographer Edward J. Steichen once said, "Once you really commence to see things, then you really commence to feel things."

Hoping to bring both sight and feeling to readers, staff photographers will exhibit some of their works in the new Missourian feature, "IN FOCUS."

This week's photo features the wooden bridge at the north end of the campus.

Students deserve credit

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Not only is NWMSU not dying, it's beginning to look more alive. With the grand opening of the redecorated areas of the J.W. Jones Student Union, NWMSU is moving in the right direction.

The students deserve a big portion of the credit.

Vandalism in the dorms dropped to \$3,000 last year following a \$30,000 expenditure in 1976-77 for repairs caused by vandalism, according to University President Dr. B.D. Owens. This helped financially make possible the renovation of most of the snack bar, commuter lounge and the Den II.

As part of a three year plan to redecorate the Union, these improvements are definitely a step toward enticing more students to NWMSU. If NWMSU is going to reach President Owens' enrollment goal of 5,000 students, then improvements like these and the Administration Building renovation must continue.

Students should be encouraged by the redecorated Union to continue to hold down vandalism for the sake of a nicer-looking campus.

ETTERS TROM READERS

Dear Editor

It's easy to sit back and complain about the problems we have on this campus--I do it myself--but it's time we took a serious look at the good things that exist as well.

There are inconveniences which seem uncalled for, such as the post office trouble mentioned last week, but seldom brought to peoples' attention are the times when University employees go out of their way to be of assistance. In the bookstore, for example, I've been able to exchange items, even after partial use, if the mistake was made by the clerk--but not caught in time by me. I have also seen people able to purchase items even if they were a few cents short. Faculty doing advisement are considerate as well. They seem

willing to get on the phone and ask questions so the students don't have to trudge all over campus. The University has also given in to the students by putting in sidewalks in all the ridiculous places we've made paths by refusing to use the sidewalks already there.

Each of us, I'm sure, can think of an instance or two where the University employees have gone out of their way to be helpful. We should remember these times and say a few "thank-you's" so the good things will continue and grow. We need to build a confidence in our university's advantages; after all, for many of us, NWMSU will be our alma mater and an important part of our background for the rest of our lives. We need to build a pride in and respect for OUR University.

NWMSU Future Alumnus

HE STROLLER

Well, the game has been lost, the queen has been crowned and the crepe-paper caravan has come and gone. What really surprises your Stroller is that he made it through it all alive.

Your Stroller is one seldom seen not in the spirit of things and last weekend, your campus Carouser was quite spirited. (Sorry about that

Starting Thursday evening, your Stroller began celebrating Homecoming. Some wise, outstanding young man on your Stroller's floor had planned a big bash at a local lake. Not being one to turn down a party, (or to help pay for brew and not drink it) your Hero decided to cruise on out to the lake and enjoy a night of fun and merriment with his good ol' floor buddies, and a few select guests.

Arriving a little late, your Hero found that some of his floor pals had been there for quite some time. Your Stroller's first clue was his next-door neighbor rolling around on the ground and drinking out of his cowboy hat.

After convincing his neighbor that drinking out of his hat probably wasn't using his head, your Stroller decided that nothing else was going to interrupt his good time.

Your campus Hero proceeded to find a place close to the keg and, except for the authorities dropping by and several people beginning to sell Buicks all around him, your Stroller spent a rather pleasant evening parked by the keg. Friday passed without a hitch and your Stroller was now ready for the big day. Yawn.

Not being one to get all excited about things such as the parade, floats, queen, etc., your Stroller decided to sleep late and rest up for Saturday night, because no matter what else happened, that night was going to be party time for the campus Crusader.

The day passed and sure enough, your Stroller looked at his social calendar and realized that he had been invited to several parties. After seeing Gilligan and the crew safely rescued, your Stroller set out to have a good time.

Several parties, several beers and many good times later, your campus Hero returned to the good ol' dorm to catch a few winks before the sun came

Walking into the dorm lounge, your Stroller was taken aback. He didn't know what to say. He was touched. Dormitory Five-O had waited up for him. Assuring them he could tuck himself in, he went up to his room.

With the Homecoming theme still in his mind, your Stroller dozed off with visions of Dolly Parton dancing in his head.

P.S. Still no word on the trial. Your Stroller: will keep you informed.

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